



**Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
Division of Environmental Health Services
Injury Prevention Program**



**2011 - 2012 RIDE SAFE AND SLEEP SAFE
FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Key Dates:

Applications Due: May 16, 2011

Award Notification: May 27, 2011

Mandatory Workshop:

Ride Safe: August 8 - 12, 2011

Sleep Safe: August 8 - 9, 2011

Summary:

The Indian Health Service, Division of Environmental Health Services, Injury Prevention Program in collaboration with the Indian Health Service Head Start Program and the US Fire Administration announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 funds for partnership agreements between the Region XI AI/AN Head Start programs and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention staff to: 1) reduce/prevent motor vehicle-related childhood injuries and deaths due to the limited use or improper use of child safety seats; and, 2) to reduce the rate of residential fire and burn injuries due to lack of, or improperly installed/maintained smoke alarms.

Funds for the Ride Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of child safety seats for Region XI AI/AN Head Start children ages 3 to 5 years old, Ride Safe Program modules, and mandatory workshop attendance for the Ride Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Funds for the Sleep Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of photoelectric smoke alarms with a longer lasting lithium battery for Region XI AI/AN Head Start and Early Head Start children's parents and grandparents' homes, Sleep Safe Modules, and mandatory workshop attendance for the Sleep Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Please review the two Funding Announcements to determine if either Program will meet the needs in your community. Head Start programs that have participated in Ride Safe and/or Sleep Safe for five consecutive years are not eligible for funding during this funding cycle. Each application must be submitted by the deadline, no exceptions will be granted. All selected Programs, must be in attendance at the mandatory workshop.



Ride Safe

“A Child Safety Seat on Every Trip”

Background

The Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Program and the IHS Head Start Program are pleased to announce funds for the 2011 - 2012 academic year to support the **Ride Safe Program**, which is an American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start based child passenger safety (CPS) program that provides an educational curriculum and child safety seats for Head Start children ages 3-5.

The goal of **Ride Safe** is to help Tribal communities address motor vehicle injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children aged 3-5 by promoting motor vehicle child restraint use among children/families participating in a Region XI AI/AN Head Start programs through:

- Child passenger safety education for Head Start students and parents
- Distribution/installation of child safety seats for Head Start students
- Completion of evaluation activities (observational surveys and follow-up home-visits)
- Promoting community awareness on the importance of child safety seat use

2011 - 2012 Ride Safe Program Applications

This notice solicits letters of applications from Region XI AI/AN Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Ride Safe Program in their community**. All applications must be fully completed to be considered for the Ride Safe Program.

- *What is the scope of the funding?*
 - Child safety seats will be purchased and provided to Region XI AI/AN Head Start families. Although program equipment will be considered, funds are prioritized to provide child safety seats. Consideration will be given to requests for CPS training and program equipment.
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Ride Safe Program** workshop. This workshop will provide an overview of the Ride Safe Program and the National Child Passenger Safety Technician course with exam. This workshop will be held in Albuquerque, NM from August 8 – 12, 2011. If a selected sites coordinator maintains a current CPS, they do not have to attend the conference, but their IHS or Tribal environmental health or injury prevention specialist partner must attend. Funding for travel (airfare, per diem and lodging) will be reimbursed by the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
- *Who is eligible to apply?*
 - Region XI AI/AN Head Start programs in partnership with local and Area IHS/Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Staff.
 - Head Start programs that have participated consecutively for five years are not eligible to apply.
- *How are the applications completed?*
 - Attached is the Ride Safe Program application.
 - All supportive documentation can be attached in an email or faxed.

Application Submission

Applications must be received by the close of business by email, fax, or regular mail by May 16, 2011, to:

Robert Bialas
Early Childhood Health & Safety Specialist
IHS Head Start Program
801 Vassar Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Email: Robert.Bialas@IHS.GOV
Fax: 866-396-8843

What is the timetable for the program?

- **Applications due:** May 16, 2011
- **Award notification:** May 27, 2011
- **Ride Safe Program Training:** August 8 – 12, 2011, Albuquerque, NM
- **Ride Safe Program implementation:** September 1, 2011
- **Ride Safe Program completion:** June 1, 2012

Please remember, incomplete applications will not be reviewed - no exceptions will be made.

Sleep Safe



“Every American Indian and Alaska Native Child will Sleep in a Home Protected with a Smoke Alarm”

Background

The American Indian Head Start Programs Branch, Indian Health Service and the United States Fire Administration are collaborating for the twelfth year on the Sleep Safe fire safety program

The ***Sleep Safe*** project goal is to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children ages 0-5 enrolled in Tribal Head Start centers participating in the Region XI AI/AN Head Start Sleep Safe Program. This goal will be achieved by:

- Increasing the percent of operable smoke alarms in parents and grandparents' homes of AI/AN children participating in the Sleep Safe Program.
- Providing fire safety educational curricula to Head Start programs to increase awareness among American Indian and Alaska Native families and among childcare providers of children ages 0-5.
- Promoting community coalition development, community data collection, and community fire safety activism.

2011 - 2012 Sleep Safe Program Applications

This notice solicits letters of interest from Region XI AI/AN Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Sleep Safe project in their community**. All applications must be fully completed to be considered for the Sleep Safe Program.

- *What is the scope of the funding?*
 - A **Sleep Safe** Fire Safety Curriculum Module and photoelectric smoke alarms will be provided to Region XI AI/AN Head Start families. Funds are prioritized to provide at least 2 smoke alarm in the homes of parents and grandparents
 - Technical assistance on addressing fire/burn prevention issues
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Sleep Safe Coordinator's Workshop**. This workshop will be held in Albuquerque, NM from August 8 – 9. Funding for travel (airfare, per diem and lodging) will be reimbursed by the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
- *Who is eligible to apply?*
 - Region XI AI/AN Head Start grantees in partnership with IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Staff.
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